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NOTIFICATION OF TRANSMITTAL OF THE INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

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KJL/CT/P5127

IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION

International application No. PCT/GB 03/05348	International filing date (day/month/year) 09.12.2003	Priority date (day/month/year) 09.12.2002
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Applicant
ZI MEDICAL PLC et al.

1. The applicant is hereby notified that this International Preliminary Examining Authority transmits herewith the international preliminary examination report and its annexes, if any, established on the international application.
2. A copy of the report and its annexes, if any, is being transmitted to the International Bureau for communication to all the elected Offices.
3. Where required by any of the elected Offices, the International Bureau will prepare an English translation of the report (but not of any annexes) and will transmit such translation to those Offices.

4. REMINDER

The applicant must enter the national phase before each elected Office by performing certain acts (filing translations and paying national fees) within 30 months from the priority date (or later in some Offices) (Article 39(1)) (see also the reminder sent by the International Bureau with Form PCT/I/B/301).

Where a translation of the international application must be furnished to an elected Office, that translation must contain a translation of any annexes to the international preliminary examination report. It is the applicant's responsibility to prepare and furnish such translation directly to each elected Office concerned.

For further details on the applicable time limits and requirements of the elected Offices, see Volume II of the PCT Applicant's Guide.

The applicant's attention is drawn to Article 33(5), which provides that the criteria of novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability described in Article 33(2) to (4) merely serve the purposes of international preliminary examination and that "any Contracting State may apply additional or different criteria for the purposes of deciding whether, in that State, the claimed inventions is patentable or not" (see also Article 27(5)). Such additional criteria may relate, for example, to exemptions from patentability, requirements for enabling disclosure, clarity and support for the claims.

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Date of mailing (day/month/year) 16 February 2004 (16.02.2004)	IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION
Applicant's or agent's file reference KLJ/CT/P5127	International application No. PCT/GB2003/005348

The applicant is hereby notified that the International Bureau has received the record copy of the international application as detailed below.

Name(s) of the applicant(s) and State(s) for which they are applicants:

ZI MEDICAL PLC (for all designated States except US)
GALLAGHER, George (for US)

International filing date : 09 December 2003 (09.12.2003)

Priority date(s) claimed : 09 December 2002 (09.12.2002)

Date of receipt of the record copy by the International Bureau : 20 January 2004 (20.01.2004)

List of designated Offices :

AP :BW,GH,GM,KE,LS,MW,MZ,SD,SL,SZ,TZ,UG,ZM,ZW

EA :AM,AZ,BY,KG,KZ,MD,RU,TJ,TM

EP :AT,BE,BG,CH,CY,CZ,DE,DK,EE,ES,FI,FR,GB,GR,HU,IE,IT,LU,MC,NL,PT,RO,SE,SI,SK,TR

OA :BF,BJ,CF,CG,CI,CM,GA,GN,GQ,GW,ML,MR,NE,SN,TD,TG

National :AE,AG,AL,AM,AT,AU,AZ,BA,BB,BG,BR,BW,BY,BZ,CA,CH,CN,CO,CR,CU,CZ,DE,DK,DM,
DZ,EC,EE,EG,ES,FI,GB,GD,GE,GH,GM,HR,HU,ID,IL,IN,IS,JP,KE,KG,KP,KR,KZ,LC,LK,LR,LS,
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25 FEB 2004

ATTENTION

The applicant should carefully check the data appearing in this Notification. In case of any discrepancy between these data and the indications in the international application, the applicant should immediately inform the International Bureau.

In addition, the applicant's attention is drawn to the information contained in the Annex, relating to:

- time limits for entry into the national phase - see updated important information (as of April 2002)
- confirmation of precautionary designations (if applicable)
- requirements regarding priority documents (if applicable)

A copy of this Notification is being sent to the receiving Office and to the International Searching Authority.

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INFORMATION ON TIME LIMITS FOR ENTERING THE NATIONAL PHASE

The applicant is reminded that the "national phase" must be entered before each of the designated Offices indicated on the cover sheet of this Notification by paying national fees and furnishing translations, as prescribed by Articles 22 and 39 and the applicable national laws. In addition, the applicant may also have to comply with other special requirements applicable in certain Offices. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure the necessary steps to enter the national phase are taken in a timely fashion. Most Offices do not issue reminders to applicants in connection with the entry into the national phase.

The applicable time limit for entering the national phase will, subject to what is said in the following paragraph, be 30 MONTHS from the priority date, not only in respect of any elected Office where a demand for international preliminary examination is filed before the expiration of 19 months from the priority date (see Article 39(1)), but also in respect of any designated Office, in the absence of filing of such demand, where Article 22(1) as modified with effect from 1 April 2002 applies in respect of that designated Office. For further details, see PCT Gazette No. 44/2001 of 1 November 2001, pages 19926, 19932 and 19934, as well as the PCT Newsletter, October and November 2001 and February 2002 issues.

In practice, time limits other than the 30-month time limit will continue to apply, for various periods of time, in respect of certain designated or elected Offices. For regular updates on the applicable time limits (20, 21, 30 or 31 months, or other time limit), Office by Office, refer to the PCT Gazette ("Section IV" part published on a weekly basis), to the PCT Newsletter (on a monthly basis) and to the relevant National Chapters in Volume II of the PCT Applicant's Guide (the paper version of which is updated usually twice a year and the Internet version of which is updated usually on a weekly basis). Finally, a cumulative table of all applicable time limits for entering the national phase is available from WIPO's Internet site, via links from various pages the site including those of the Gazette, Newsletter and Guide, at <http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/index.html>.

Information about the requirements for filing a demand for international preliminary examination is set out in the PCT Applicant's Guide, Volume I/A, Chapter IX. Note that only an applicant who is a national or resident of a PCT Contracting State which is bound by Chapter II has the right to file a demand for international preliminary examination (at present, all PCT Contracting States are bound by Chapter II).

CONFIRMATION OF PRECAUTIONARY DESIGNATIONS

This notification lists only specific designations made under Rule 4.9(a) in the request. It is important to check that these designations are correct. Errors in designations can be corrected where precautionary designations have been made under Rule 4.9(b). The applicant is hereby reminded that any precautionary designations may be confirmed according to Rule 4.9(c) before the expiration of 15 months from the priority date (this time limit may not be extended). If it is not confirmed, it will automatically be regarded as withdrawn by the applicant. There will be no reminder and no invitation. Confirmation of a designation consists of the filing of a notice specifying the designated State concerned (with indication of the kind of protection or treatment desired) and the payment of the designation and confirmation fees. The Notice of confirmation and payment must reach the receiving Office within the 15-month time limit.

REQUIREMENTS REGARDING PRIORITY DOCUMENTS

For applicants who have not yet complied with the requirements regarding priority documents, the following is recalled.

Where the priority of an earlier national, regional or international application is claimed, the applicant must submit a copy of the said earlier application, certified by the authority with which it was filed ("the priority document") to the receiving Office (which will transmit it to the International Bureau) or directly to the International Bureau, before the expiration of 16 months from the priority date, provided that any such priority document may still be submitted to the International Bureau before that date of international publication of the international application, in which case that document will be considered to have been received by the International Bureau on the last day of the 16-month time limit (Rule 17.1(a)).

Where the priority document is issued by the receiving Office, the applicant may, instead of submitting the priority document, request the receiving Office to prepare and transmit the priority document to the International Bureau. Such request must be made before the expiration of the 16-month time limit and may be subjected by the receiving Office to the payment of a fee (Rule 17.1(b)).

If the priority document concerned is not submitted to the International Bureau or if the request to the receiving Office to prepare and transmit the priority document has not been made (and the corresponding fee, if any, paid) within the applicable time limit indicated under the preceding paragraphs, any designated State may disregard the priority claim, provided that no designated Office may disregard the priority claim concerned before giving the applicant an opportunity, upon entry into the national phase, to furnish the priority document within the time limit which is reasonable under the circumstances.

Where several priorities are claimed, the priority date to be considered for the purposes of computing the 16-month time limit is the filing date of the earliest application whose priority is claimed.

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INFORMATION CONCERNING ELECTED
OFFICES NOTIFIED OF THEIR ELECTION

(PCT Rule 61.3)

From the INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

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Date of mailing (day/month/year) 19 October 2004 (19.10.2004)		
Applicant's or agent's file reference KLJ/CT/P5127	IMPORTANT INFORMATION	
International application No. PCT/GB2003/005348	International filing date (day/month/year) 09 December 2003 (09.12.2003)	Priority date (day/month/year) 09 December 2002 (09.12.2002)
Applicant ZI MEDICAL PLC et al		

1. The applicant is hereby informed that the International Bureau has, according to Article 31(7), notified each of the following Offices of its election:

EP :AT,BE,BG,CH,CY,CZ,DE,DK,EE,ES,FI,FR,GB,GR,HU,IE,IT,LU,MC,NL,PT,RO,SE,
 SI,SK,TR

National :BG,CA,CN,CZ,DE,JP,KP,KR,MN,NO,PL,RO,RU,SK,US

2. The following Offices have waived the requirement for the notification of their election; the notification will be sent to them by the International Bureau only upon their request:

AP :BW,GH,GM,KE,LS,MW,MZ,SD,SL,SZ,TZ,UG,ZM,ZW
 EA :AM,AZ,BY,KG,KZ,MD,RU,TJ,TM

OA :BF,BJ,CF,CG,CI,CM,GA,GN,GQ,GW,ML,MR,NE,SN,TD,TG

National :AE,AG,AL,AM,AT,AU,AZ,BA,BB,BR,BW,BY,BZ,CH,CO,CR,CU,DK,DM,DZ,EC,
 EE,EG,ES,FI,GB,GD,GE,GH,GM,HR,HU,ID,IL,IN,IS,KE,KG,KZ,LC,LK,LR,LS,LT,LU,
 LV,MA,MD,MG,MK,MW,MX,MZ,NI,NZ,OM,PG,PH,PT,SC,SD,SE,SG,SL,SY,TJ,TM,TN,TR,
 TT,TZ,UA,UG,UZ,VC,VN,YU,ZA,ZM,ZW

3. The applicant is reminded that he must enter the "national phase" before the expiration of 30 months from the priority date before each of the Offices listed above. This must be done by paying the national fee(s) and furnishing, if prescribed, a translation of the international application (Article 39(1)(a)), as well as, where applicable, by furnishing a translation of any annexes of the international preliminary examination report (Article 36(3)(b) and Rule 74.1).

Some offices have fixed time limits expiring later than the above-mentioned time limit. For detailed information about the applicable time limits and the acts to be performed upon entry into the national phase before a particular Office, see Volume II of the PCT Applicant's Guide.

The entry into the European regional phase is postponed until 31 months from the priority date for all States designated for the purposes of obtaining a European patent.

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NOTICE INFORMING THE APPLICANT OF THE
COMMUNICATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL
APPLICATION TO THE DESIGNATED OFFICES

(PCT Rule 47.1(c), first sentence)

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

International application No.
PCT/GB2003/005348

International filing date (day/month/year)
09 December 2003 (09.12.2003)

Priority date (day/month/year)
09 December 2002 (09.12.2002)

Applicant

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1. Notice is hereby given that the International Bureau has communicated, as provided in Article 20, the international application to the following designated Offices on the date indicated above as the date of mailing of this notice:

AU, AZ, BY, CH, CN, CO, DZ, EP, HU, JP, KG, KP, KR, MD, MK, MZ, RU, TM, US

In accordance with Rule 47.1(c), third sentence, those Offices will accept the present notice as conclusive evidence that the communication of the international application has duly taken place on the date of mailing indicated above and no copy of the international application is required to be furnished by the applicant to the designated Office(s).

2. The following designated Offices have waived the requirement for such a communication at this time:

AE, AG, AL, AM, AP, AT, BA, BB, BG, BR, BW, BZ, CA, CR, CU, CZ, DE, DK, DM, EA, EC, EE, EG, ES, FI, GB, GD, GE, GH, GM, HR, ID, IL, IN, IS, KE, KZ, LC, LK, LR, LS, LT, LU, LV, MA, MG, MN, MW, MX, NI, NO, NZ, OA, OM, PG, PH, PL, PT, RO, SC, SD, SE, SG, SK, SL, SY, TJ, TN, TR, TT, TZ, UA, UG, UZ, VC, VN, YU, ZA, ZM, ZW

The communication will be made to those Offices only upon their request. Furthermore, those Offices do not require the applicant to furnish a copy of the international application (Rule 49.1(a-bis)).

3. Enclosed with this notice is a copy of the international application as published by the International Bureau on 24 June 2004 (24.06.2004) under No. WO 2004/052430

4. TIME LIMITS for filing a demand for international preliminary examination and for entry into the national phase

The applicable time limit for entering the national phase will, subject to what is said in the following paragraph, be 30 MONTHS from the priority date, not only in respect of any elected Office if a demand for international preliminary examination is filed before the expiration of 19 months from the priority date, but also in respect of any designated Office, in the absence of filing of such demand, where Article 22(1) as modified with effect from 1 April 2002 applies in respect of that designated Office. For further details, see PCT Gazette No. 44/2001 of 1 November 2001, pages 19926, 19932 and 19934, as well as the PCT Newsletter, October and November 2001 and February 2002 issues.

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It is the applicant's sole responsibility to monitor all these time limits.

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WRITTEN OPINION

(PCT Rule 66)

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Applicant's or agent's file reference
KJL/CT/P5127

REPLY DUE

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International application No.
PCT/GB 03/05348

International filing date (day/month/year)
09.12.2003

Priority date (day/month/year)
09.12.2002

International Patent Classification (IPC) or both national classification and IPC
A61M5/162

Applicant
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1. This written opinion is the **first** drawn up by this International Preliminary Examining Authority.

2. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- I Basis of the opinion
- II Priority
- III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV Lack of unity of invention
- V Reasoned statement under Rule 66.2(a)(ii) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI Certain documents cited
- VII Certain defects in the international application
- VIII Certain observations on the international application

3. The applicant is hereby **invited to reply** to this opinion.

When? See the time limit indicated above. The applicant may, before the expiration of that time limit, request this Authority to grant an extension, see Rule 66.2(d).

How? By submitting a written reply, accompanied, where appropriate, by amendments, according to Rule 66.3. For the form and the language of the amendments, see Rules 66.8 and 66.9.

Also: For an additional opportunity to submit amendments, see Rule 66.4. For the examiner's obligation to consider amendments and/or arguments, see Rule 66.4 bis. For an informal communication with the examiner, see Rule 66.6.

If no reply is filed, the international preliminary examination report will be established on the basis of this opinion.

4. The final date by which the international preliminary examination report must be established according to Rule 69.2 is: 09.04.2005

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I. Basis of the opinion

1. With regard to the **elements** of the international application (*Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this opinion as "originally filed"*):

Description, Pages

1-9 as originally filed

Claims, Numbers

1-32 filed with telefax on 19.08.2004

Drawings, Sheets

1/6-6/6 as originally filed

2. With regard to the **language**, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language: , which is:

- the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of the international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).
- the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).
- the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

- contained in the international application in written form.
- filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
- furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.
- furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.
- The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
- The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

4. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- the description, pages:
- the claims, Nos.:
- the drawings, sheets:

5. This opinion has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed (Rule 70.2(c)).

6. Additional observations, if necessary:

IV. Lack of unity of invention

1. In response to the invitation (Form PCT/IPEA/405) to restrict or pay additional fees, the applicant has:
 restricted the claims.
 paid additional fees.
 paid additional fees under protest.
 neither restricted nor paid additional fees.
2. This Authority found that the requirement of unity of invention is not complied with for the following reasons and chose, according to Rule 68.1, not to invite the applicant to restrict or pay additional fees:
3. Consequently, the following parts of the international application were the subject of international preliminary examination in establishing this opinion:
 all parts.
 the parts relating to claims Nos. .

V. Reasoned statement under Rule 66.2(a)(ii) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-32 (YES)
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-32 (NO)
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-32 (YES)

2. Citations and explanations

see separate sheet

Re Item V

Reasoned statement with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

Reference is made to the following documents:

- D1: US 2002/115981 A1 (WESSMAN GORAN) 22 August 2002 (2002-08-22)
- D2: US-A-3 359 977 (BURKE GEORGE K) 26 December 1967 (1967-12-26)
- D3: US-A-3 662 752 (YOKOYAMA KOUSOU) 16 May 1972 (1972-05-16)
- D4: US-A-4 787 898 (RAINES KENNETH C) 29 November 1988 (1988-11-29)
- D5: US-A-4 857 068 (KAHN PAUL) 15 August 1989 (1989-08-15)
- D6: US-A-4 623 343 (THOMPSON THOMAS C) 18 November 1986 (1986-11-18)

1. The subject-matter of claim 1 is not inventive (Article 33(3) PCT).

The most relevant prior art is disclosed in D1, which teaches a giving set cap (10) for providing fluid communication between two vessels (20, and a drip chamber). The cap has a delivery tube (11) with a main channel (13) for delivering fluid from the first vessel to the second vessel, and a subsidiary channel (14) for the delivery of a different material to said first vessel (20).

The cap has also an inlet opening (opening at the top end of main channel (13)) for delivering fluid from the first vessel through the main channel, the inlet being spaced at a sufficient distance from an outlet (at the top end of delivery tube (11)) of the subsidiary channel to allow mixing of the different material with said fluid prior to delivery to said other vessel.

The subject-matter of claim 1 differs from the known giving set cap in that an inlet (45) of the subsidiary channel is adapted to receive a needleless syringe.

Giving set caps providing inlets adapted to receive a needleless syringe have been known since long in the prior art, an example being shown in D3, injection port (16, 17), but also in D4 and D5. These injection ports form part of the general knowledge of any skilled person, who would automatically provide such a port if this was found convenient. Thus, a giving set cap according to claim 1 is not inventive without even having to combine the teachings of either D3, D4 or D5 with that of D1.

2. The additional features of claims 2-25 do not appear suitable to render the subject-

matter of any claim to which said features are referred to inventive (Article 33(3) PCT). The features are either already disclosed in D1, or represent mere matter of normal design alternatives the skilled man is readily aware of, or are rendered obvious when considering the teaching of D2, or D3.

Claims 2-7: the particular spacing of 10, 20 or 25 mm between the inlet and the outlet appears to be around the spacing present in D1. D6 further teaches that the outlet has to be sufficiently distanced from the inlet in order to avoid air bubbles been drawn back down by the exiting fluid. D1 discloses a giving set chamber (12), and tapered piercing means for connection to an IV bag.

Claims 8-11: a "rounded" spike is not inventive, and the one of D3 can also be considered as "rounded". At least two inlets, or three inlets for the main channel (claims 10, 11) are not inventive, as this is part of the general knowledge for the skilled person.

Claims 12-22: cf. D1, a detachable cover functioning as an air vent is disclosed in, e.g., D2 and D3, and the remaining additional features do not appear to solve any particular objective technical problem.

Claims 23-25: A drip chamber connected to the giving set cap is disclosed in D1, a threaded connection thereof is taught by D2, Fig. 1 and 2.

3. The reasoning given under 1. above is equally applicable to the subject-matter of claim 26, which essentially is the same as that defined in claim 1 (cf. also Further comments, 1.). For the dependent claims 27-32, cf. the reasoning for the corresponding ones of claims 2-25 that define the same features.

Further comments:

1. Although **claims 1 and 26** have been drafted as separate independent claims, they appear to relate effectively to the **same subject-matter, i.e. overlapping scope**, and to differ from each other only with regard to the definition of the subject-matter for which protection is sought or in respect of the terminology used for the features of that subject-matter.

The aforementioned claims therefore **lack conciseness** (Article 6 and Rule 6.1(a) PCT).

It appears appropriate to file an **amended set of claims** taking account of the above comments and Article 34(2)(b) PCT. The relevant subject-matter should be defined in a **single independent claim** followed by dependent claims covering features which are merely optional (Rules 6.3 and 6.4 PCT).

In particular, except for the first two lines of claim 26, the definition given coincides with the wording of claim 1. I.e. claim 26 is actually dependent on claim 1, and therefore, recurrent wording should be avoided and claim 26 should explicitly refer back to claim 1.

2. The applicant is invited to file a **new set of claims** taking account of the above comments and Article 34(2)(b) PCT. The **single independent claim** should be cast in the **two-part form** (Rule 6.3(b) PCT) with the preamble containing those features known in combination from the closest prior art (**D1**) (Rule 6.3(b)(i) PCT). The features of the claims (preamble and characterising portion) should be provided with **reference signs** placed in parentheses (Rule 6.2(b) PCT).
3. In order to be able to assess the question of inventive step, the applicant is asked to **indicate in the response which technical problem is solved** by the characterising features of the new claim 1 compared to the closest prior art.
4. D1 should be briefly discussed in the description.

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REQUEST

The undersigned requests that the present international application be processed according to the Patent Cooperation Treaty.

For receiving Office use only

International Application No.

International Filing Date

Name of receiving Office and "PCT International Application"

Applicant's or agent's file reference
(if desired) (12 characters maximum) KJL/CT/P5127

Box No. I TITLE OF INVENTION
An improved Infusion Apparatus

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This person is applicant all designated States all designated States except the United States of America the United States of America only the States indicated in the Supplemental Box

Box No. III FURTHER APPLICANT(S) AND/OR (FURTHER) INVENTOR(S)

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applicant and inventor

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State (that is, country) of residence:
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